

On August 9, 2012 Travis County's Transportation & Natural Resources Department (TNR) hosted a meeting to provide interested citizens with the results of environmental monitoring conducted over the past year in the area of a future sand and gravel mining operation.

In 2010, Texas Industries, Inc. (TXI) received clearance from the Travis County Commissioners Court and the City of Austin authorizing the development of a sand and gravel mining operation west of Webberville near the intersection of Milo Road and Dunlap Road. Significant public concerns over the impact of this operation on adjacent neighborhoods and agricultural producers resulted in TNR being directed by the Travis County Commissioners Court to conduct monitoring of groundwater quality, groundwater levels, air quality, and noise to determine if adverse environmental impacts are resulting from the mining operations.

The environmental monitoring is a key implementation component of the overall Colorado River Corridor Plan recently completed and approved on May 15, 2012 by the Travis County Commissioners Court. Texas-licensed geoscientists and other environmental experts from URS Corporation and the University of Texas at Austin (UT) were commissioned by Travis County to design and conduct the environmental monitoring.

URS and UT will continue monitoring for up to an additional four years, during which mining operations are expected to occur. TNR, URS, and UT expect to host annual meetings to update the public on this important initiative as this study continues.

For more information on the environmental monitoring initiative, you may contact Thomas Weber, TNR Environmental Quality Program Manager at thomas.weber@co.travis.tx.us or by calling (512) 854-4629.